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Proposals Wanted for 2010 Annual WVLA Conference!

Have you got an idea for a session at the 2010 Annual WVLA conference?

You can submit your proposal directly on the web form that is now available both on the WVLA homepage and the conference homepage.

Share your expertise, what you've learned from your successes, and what you've learned from not so successful experiments. Enhance the conference experience for your fellow WVLA members and yourself. Turn in that proposal you've been thinking about!

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West Virginia Library Association Session Proposal 2010 WVLA Conference • October 12 - October 14 2010 Stonewall Jackson Resort, Roanoke, WV (<http://www.stonewallresort.com/>) Deadline for Submission: June 30, 2010

You are invited to submit a session proposal for the 2010 WVLA Annual Conference. Program suggestions addressing literature, user services, digital information and technologies, collection management, technical services, administration, leadership, children's services, trustee training, instruction and other library/librarian related topics are welcomed. Our theme is Growing WVLA Together and I believe that many topics will fit into this theme very well.

The Conference Committee is grateful for your suggestions. We will contact you in July regarding your proposal.

Judy K. Rule, Program Chair
WVLA 2010 Conference Committee

Proposed Title for the Session: _____

Description of the Session: (In the space below, please provide a 30-50 word description of the session, highlighting the program's appeal to WVLA Conference attendees. If your program is chosen, this description will be edited and used in the conference program.)

Intended Audience: (Circle one)

Academic Public School Special Trustee/Friend All

Format of Program: (Circle one)

Single speaker Panel presentation Demonstration

Other (please explain): _____

Costs for this program: _____

Circle any audiovisual/technology equipment needed for program: Projector Screen
Speakers

Laptop (list software required): _____

Other: _____

Your Contact Information

Title: _____

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Email Address: _____

Are you going to be one of the presenters? (Circle one) Yes No

Please fill out the following contact information for all presenters. If necessary attach an additional page to complete your listing.

Title: _____

Name: _____

WVLA affiliation: _____

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Email Address: _____

Are you willing to be the host/contact for this session? (Circle one) Yes No

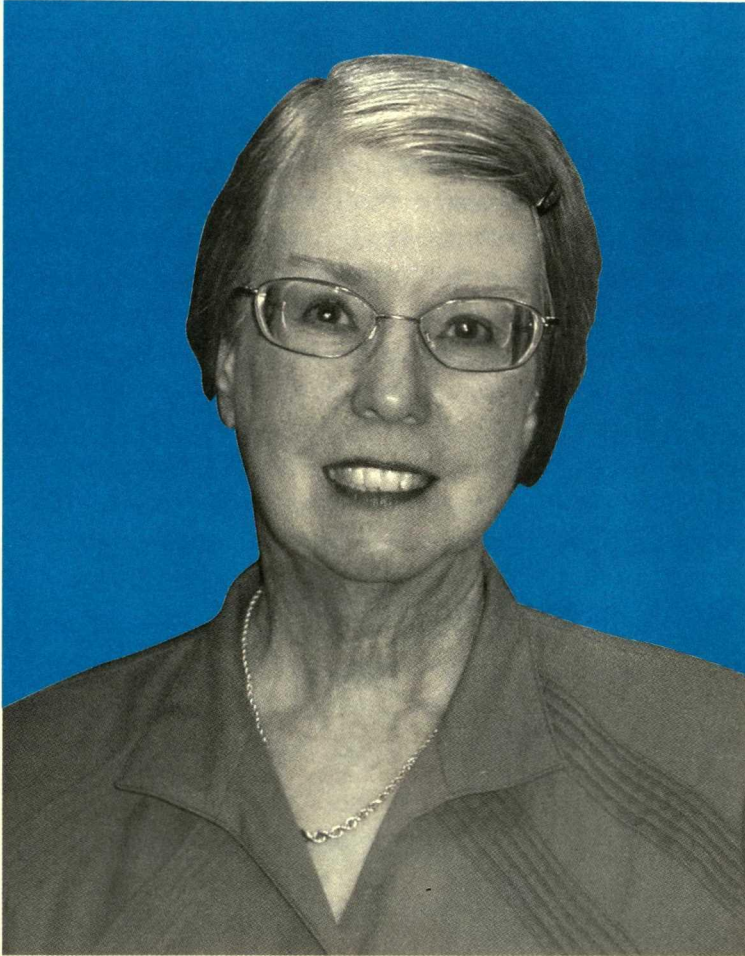
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Deadline for Submission:
June 30, 2010

President's Column

May 2010



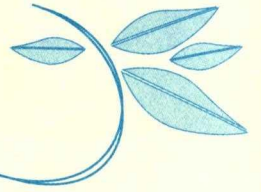
I have received a few proposals for programs for the fall conference but we still need several more. Of course, the deadline is some distance away and that may be the reason more proposals have not been forthcoming. Please do think about programs that you would find helpful and let me know about those as well as programs that you might want to propose doing yourself. I have been working on obtaining the keynote speakers and if we can work the details out for travel and honorium I think you will want to attend this year's conference. [Please mark your calendars for October 13 –15 at the Stonewall Resort.](#) We are also considering a pre-conference but details of that have not been resolved either. Let's get started on planning the conference as soon as possible. So if you have ideas, don't wait for the deadline to send them to me. It will make my job much easier and I do like easy!

Spring Fling was a great success from all the reports that I have received. Everyone who attended from Cabell Library seemed to come away with ideas and a greater enthusiasm for their jobs. We had a good show of exhibitors and hope to have several new exhibitors at the fall conference as well as many of our regular ones. The attendance was almost what we have in the fall but more people come for only one day. Over 200 people attended and I think that was great! Good job, Margaret Smith, Georgina Doss, and all those who helped with the planning of a great conference.

The public library directors were called to a meeting with the Library Commission at Flatwoods last week. I was certainly impressed that seven of the nine commissioners were there supporting the Commission and libraries. This coming fiscal year will be difficult for some of the libraries in West Virginia who have not matched their state dollars with local funds and will therefore lose state dollars. My hope is that when state funding is actually lost to a county, someone in the local community will step up to the plate and find the funds to support libraries. My theme this year is "Let's grow WVLA together" and I believe that it will be remarkable what we can accomplish both for WVLA and libraries if we work together. The two committees working on better funding for libraries is the Legislative Committee and the ad hoc Committee on Stable Library Funding. These committees and their members are listed on the WVLA website so whether you are a public, school, academic or special librarian or a trustee or friend, please let the committees hear your ideas and we will see what can be done for all libraries.

The nominating committee is working to find people willing to run for first and second vice-president of WVLA. I would love to see some competition in the election. When we have only one person running for each office, we see a drop in the number of members voting. That also reminds me that if you have not paid your 2010 dues, you will not be eligible to vote in the election. If one of the nominating committee members calls you and asks that you run for a particular office, please give an affirmative response very careful consideration. You would not have been asked to run if they did not feel that you could do the job. It does take a good bit of time but it is certainly worth the effort and there is a lot of good help to make the job easier. I found that most of the people that I asked to be on committees agreed to serve and that was wonderful. Keep on saying "yes" and we will see this organization be a force to be reckoned with in the promoting of libraries and librarians.

Spring Fling 2010



Submitted by Jane Levitan

The Basics of Digital Photography



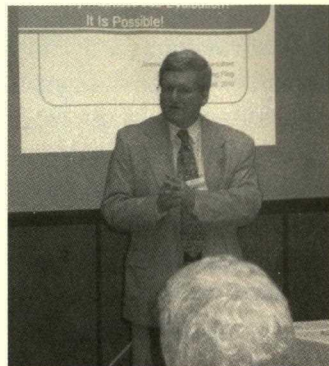
Every picture tells a story. Why not tell your library's story with a digital photography? Stacy Bond of Cabell County presented a program designed to give the novice photographer the skills, tools and

confidence to take digital photographs and put them in a usable format. She demonstrated uploading the items to Facebook and MySpace. This program not only demystified the entrance into the digital world, it was also fun!



A Meaningful, Accurate and Relatively Painless Job Evaluation, It is Possible!

Jimmie Epling, Regional Library Consultant, Kentucky Dept. for Libraries and Archives thinks so, and I did too after listening to his PowerPoint presentation. It is not a secret that libraries are competing for funding with so many other important organizations and agencies. If you wouldn't dream



of offering sub-standard library resources, why would you offer the public sub-standard library services? Mr. Epling equated fostering a culture of poor workmanship with the throwing State funds in the street for your patrons and legislators to see. Without good evaluations he argued, no one improves. He also emphasized the need for supervisors to give employees the tools and training to achieve success. Ultimately he also counseled that supervisors must be will to change their evaluations after speaking with the employee. Interested? Get your copy of the PowerPoint by requesting a copy by emailing: jimmie1701@yahoo.com

Advocacy Skills Overview



Advocacy is more important than ever in our present economic climate. Our State is taking a serious stand about libraries generating locate funding. Jenny Liberatore, from Lyrasis Educational Services discussed ideas for creating interest and support for your library. From there it is just a hop, skip and jump to increased monetary support. Ms. Liberatore offered easy and positive actions to take to promote advocacy. Keep it simple! Have fun, others will! Be visible, positive, creative and proactive. Use the "BASIC formula" - B (brief). A (appreciative). S (specific) I (informative) C (courteous).

BREAKING NEWS!!!!

SPRING FLING 2011 will be March 23 & 24. Breaking with tradition, this is a Wednesday and Thursday.

Gaming as a Library Service

Love internet games or hate them, internet games may be here to stay. Julie Scorato, Youth Services Specialist, Columbus Metropolitan Library believes that internet gaming at the library is a necessary and positive service we as librarian can and should provide. Ms. Scorato pointed to studies that stated that internet gaming increased literacy, taught civic involvement, and gave the "gamers" a powerful message that they were a valued part of the library community. The Columbus Library offered "lock-ins" for game nights, closed the computer lab for "gamers" only on certain day and created a community of partnership of new immigrant teens from Somali and college student mentors. Did you know that the top 10 internet games are nonviolent? Did you know that the 11th was "Grand Theft Auto"?

Perhaps you are gritting your teeth and seething that with all your other duties, this too will be added. Maybe you view the library as the last bastion for quiet, reflective reading and contemplation. Worry not. There are also studies that indicate that gaming might be "jumping the shark", so passé that librarians are embracing it. We can collectively hold our breath and wait for the next new thing.

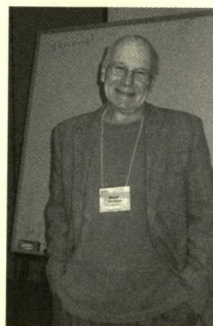
Public Library Division Meeting/ Standards Committee Meeting



Did you know that there are a group of committed librarians that are working on new standards for public libraries? There are, and if this seems like a daunting task, it, in fact, is. It should be noted that the standards are goals to strive for and not impossible bars that cannot be cleared by mere mortal

librarians with the realities of staff, patrons and budget constraints. Fear not. Your fellow librarians understand and live your concerns. The committee agreed that there should be three groups of libraries based on size and three acceptable levels of performance. Different sub-groups achieved more than others. It is hoped that the completed standards will be available as a web document shortly.

Offering and Creating Writing Workshops for Libraries



I thought I knew something about offering writing workshops; that was until Marc Harshman, author of one of my very favorite children's books *Red Are the Apples*, gave his presentation. Mr. Harshman showed how to shift through a mountain of descriptors to find the just right words to transform the written a sentence to a vivid visual image. He also

had us "free write" about a very personal feature, a scar. After writing, we were asked to re-imagine our narrative using our five senses and bring forth the word picture we wished to create. Using Mr. Harshman's methods, each workshop participant achieved a meaningful and unique moment of our lives. Here is more good news; Mr. Harshman is available to come to your library.

Boat Building Workshop



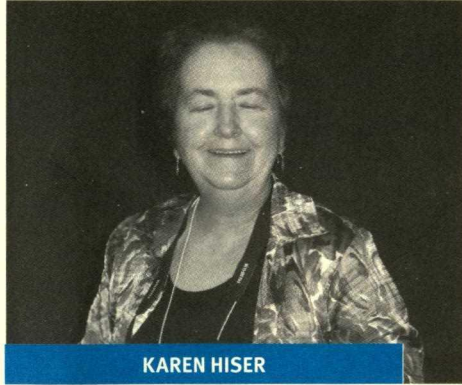
The summer reading program will be here before we know it. Every children's librarian can tell you that crafts are a very important component to the experience. Thank you, Georgina Doss,

Milton Public Library and LeeAnn Cleary, Ohio County Public Library for presenting a program on boat building from recycled or partly recycled materials. Of the seven boats demonstrated, at least one should have satisfied even the most persnickety of children's librarians. The boats ranged from the simplest sail boat to a magnificent multi-sailed yacht that Georgina confessed took her 2 hours to build. Give librarians cork, plastic, balloons, Styrofoam, scissors and glue and watch the fun begin. Don't even ask about the super-sticky tape. A hilarious time was had by all of the participants.

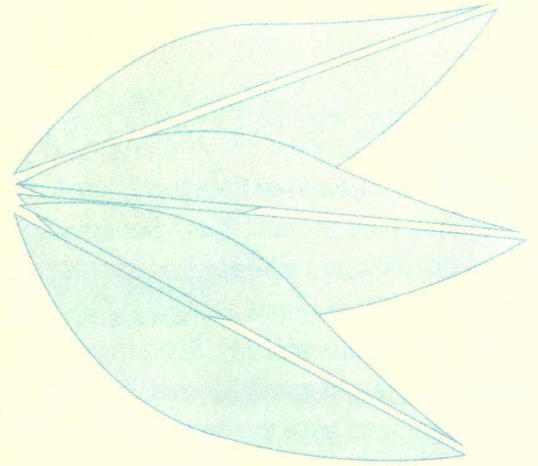
Missed the program? Georgina has made her boat plans available by request.



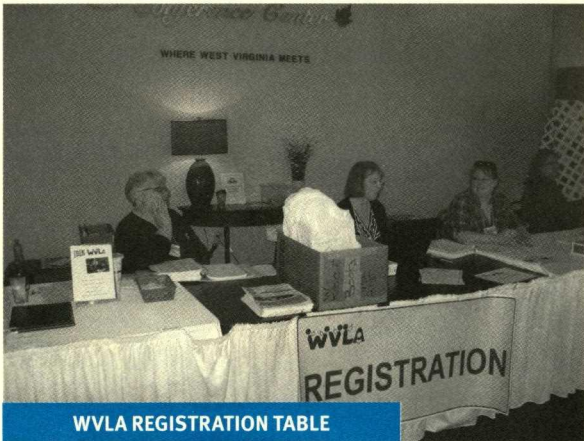
RUBBER DUCKIES ON DISPLAY



KAREN HISER



PAM MANN BUILDS A BOAT

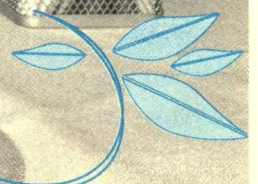


WVLA REGISTRATION TABLE



MARC HARSHMAN & LINDA HEDDINGER

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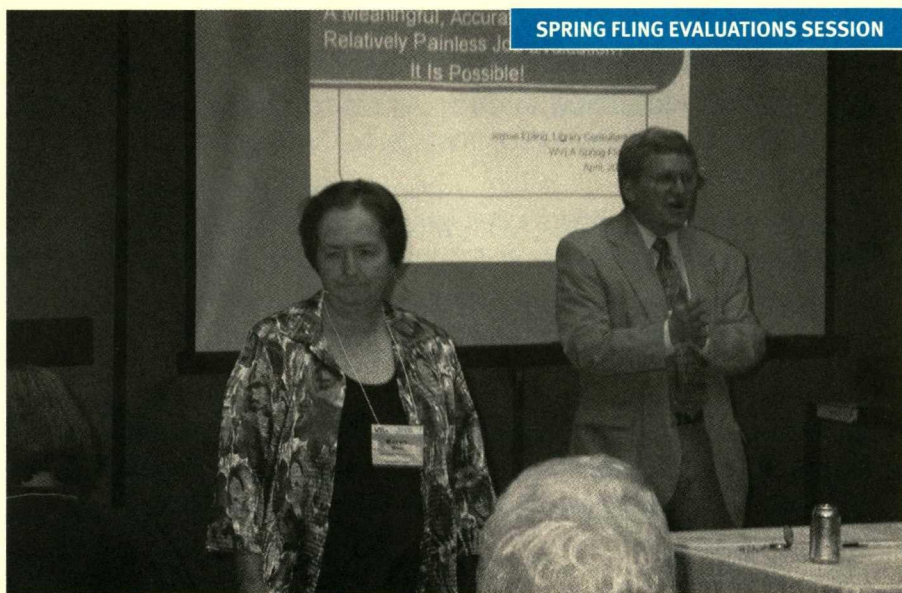


ATTENDEES ENJOYING A BREAK



ADVOCACY SKILLS SESSION

SPRING FLING EVALUATIONS SESSION



WE WANT TO GIVE AWAY MONEY!

Funds are available for the pursuit of an Master's or Library Certificate program. Applications are due August 15, 2010. Find an application in this newsletter or on the WVLA webpage.

Also remember the Continuing Education/Scholarship Committee now has a year-round process to apply for continuing education grants. Please feel free to use the application in this newsletter, or visit the WVLA website If you need more information or if you have a question, contact Linda Hedding, Chair, at Hedding@scpl.wvnet.edu, or 304 744 6561.

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2010 DEADLINE: AUGUST 15

NAME: _____ WVLA MEMBER SINCE _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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CURRENT POSITION: _____

ORGANIZATION/AGENCY: _____

ALA-ACCREDITED LIBRARY SCHOOL/CERTIFICATE PROGRAM: _____

EXPECTED DATE(S) OF STUDY: _____

NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE INTO A MASTER'S PROGRAM OR LIBRARY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (E.G., COPY OF ACCEPTANCE LETTER).

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH YOUR APPLICATION, USING AS MANY ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY:

WVLA ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONFERENCES ATTENDED, PRESENTATIONS MADE AT CONFERENCES, COMMITTEE SERVICES, ROUNDTABLE-DIVISION ACTIVITIES, OFFICES HELD. YOU MUST HAVE BEEN A WVLA MEMBER FOR A YEAR BEFORE YOU MAY APPLY)

REFERENCES: PLEASE SUPPLY NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR TWO REFERENCES WHO CAN SPEAK TO YOUR ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO LIBRARIANSHIP IN WEST VIRGINIA. ONE OF THESE REFERENCES SHOULD BE A PROFESSIONAL LIBRARIAN.

BRIEF ESSAY: (APPROXIMATELY 250 WORDS) STATING YOUR PROFESSIONAL GOALS.

FINANCIAL NEED: (100 WORDS OR LESS) YOU MAY INCLUDE YOUR FINANCIAL NEED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MAY BE SUBMITTED TO LINDA HEDDINGER, CHAIR, CONTINUING EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE SOUTH CHARLESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY 312 FOURTH AVE. S. CHARLESTON, WV 25303.

E-MAIL: hedding@scpl.wvnet.edu. TELEPHONE: 304-744 6561.



WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION
2010 CALENDAR YEAR

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CURRENT POSITION: _____

ORGANIZATION/AGENCY: _____

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY: _____

DATE(S) OF WORKSHOP, ETC. _____

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH YOUR APPLICATION, USING AS MANY ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY:

RATIONALE FOR ATTENDANCE (HOW THIS OPPORTUNITY WILL BENEFIT YOU, YOUR LIBRARY, YOUR PATRONS, AND/OR MEMBERS OF WVLA)

BRIEF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED (THIS INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL)

INCLUDE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF YOUR SUPERVISOR

PROOF OF ATTENDANCE (E.G. RECEIPT, CERTIFICATE) MUST BE SUBMITTED AFTER COMPLETION.

RECIPIENTS MUST ALSO WRITE A BRIEF ARTICLE FOR WV LIBRARIES (NO MORE THAN 1200 WORDS) DESCRIBING THE EVENT AND ITS BENEFITS TO THE RECIPIENT AND/OR WVLA MEMBERS.

CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANTS WILL BE LIMITED TO \$100 PER INDIVIDUAL AND TO ONE PER LIBRARY PER CALENDAR YEAR.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LESS THAN TWO WEEKS PRECEDING THE EVENT AND NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE EVENT. WVLA MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST HAVE BEEN PAID AT TIME OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION.

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WVU Libraries Receive Statewide Preservation Grant

Submitted by Monte Maxwell

Many people have personal experience with deteriorating family photographs or old letters. Libraries and museums have these problems on a larger scale.

A \$40,000 grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will enable the West Virginia University Libraries, in collaboration with the Huntington Museum of Art, to help the state's libraries, art and historical museums, and cultural heritage institutions identify their constraints and needs in caring for their collections.

"We need to be sure that future generations are able to see and use collections that are important to our history," said Frances O'Brien, Dean of the WVU Libraries. "This planning grant will be the first step in identifying the preservation needs in West Virginia, and working toward the right kinds of care."

The WVU Libraries and the Huntington Museum of Art will work closely with consultants from LYRASIS and the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA). LYRASIS is the nation's largest regional membership organization for libraries and information professionals. CCAHA is the largest non-profit conservation and preservation facility in the nation.

The first stage of the project involves conducting a statewide survey of libraries, art and historical museums, and cultural heritage institutions to determine the state of collections care and preservation planning. Assisting in the process will be Tom Claeson, Senior Consultant for New Initiatives at LYRASIS and Project Manager for the grant, and Ingrid E. Bogel, Executive Director of CCAHA.

Next, a statewide focus group composed of representatives from archives, academic and public libraries, art museums and history museums, and historic sites will work together to gain further information about the needs of the collecting community.

In the final stage, Claeson and Bogel will use the findings to produce a comprehensive preservation plan.

"The partnership between WVU Libraries and the Huntington Museum of Art puts this effort on stable ground and the consortium of institutions across the state that has been created will ensure good solid information for the survey," said Margaret Mary Layne, HMA Executive Director. "By working together on this project, we can create an environment where the treasures that are held dear by West Virginia will be cared for and available for generations to come."

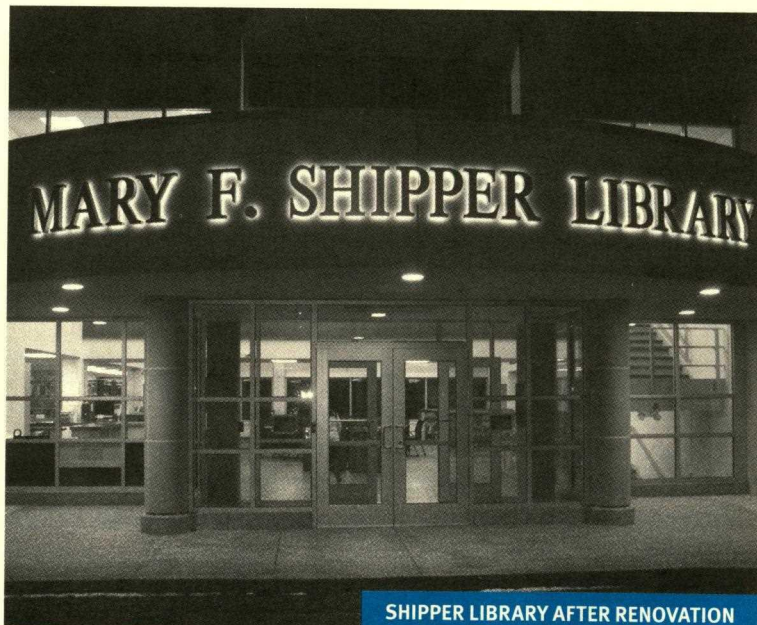
Preservation is a concern nationwide. Layne cited an IMLS study that estimates that more than 190 million cultural objects throughout the United States are at risk. In addition, the Heritage Health Index survey found that 80 of museums, archives, and libraries lack an emergency plan for their collections.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.ims.gov.

Mary F. Shipper Library Renovated

Submitted by Jill Lee Gardner
College Librarian/Director
Media Center
Mary F. Shipper Library
Potomac State College of WVU

Over the past several years, the Mary F. Shipper Library has gone through a major and beautiful renovation. We now have a new ceiling, new lighting, new blinds, flooring, and furniture. The rededication for this was during Homecoming, October 2008. The new front facade was completed December 2009.

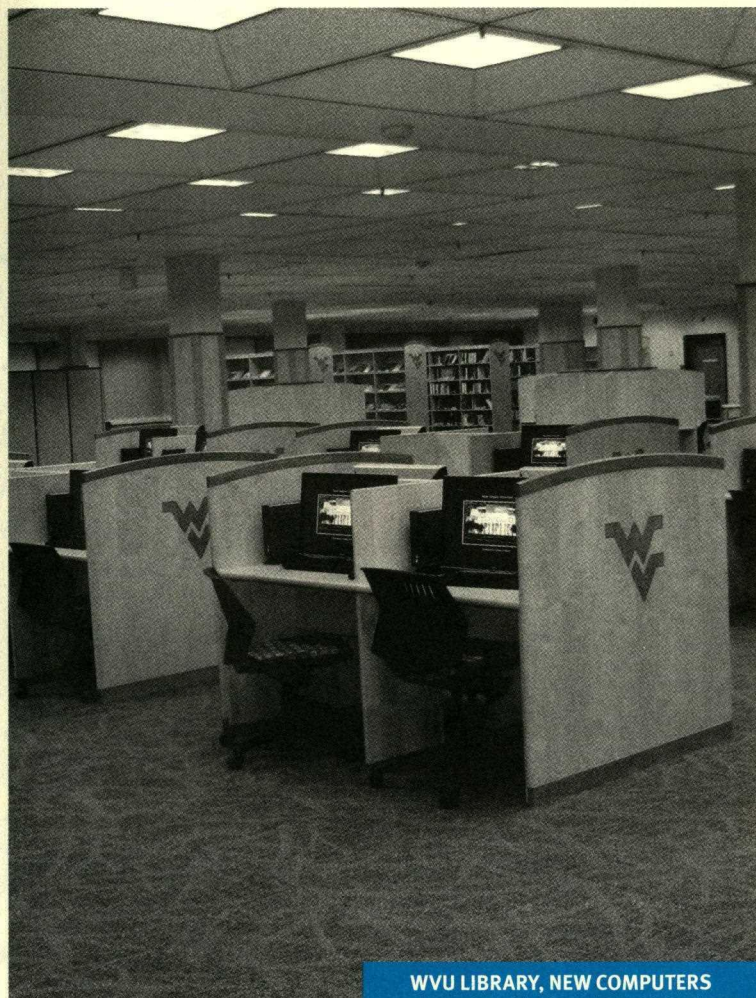


SHIPPER LIBRARY AFTER RENOVATION

WVU's Evansdale Library Renovation—users are satisfied

Submitted by Mary L. Strife
Director
Evansdale Library
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The first floor renovation for WVU's Evansdale Library finally happened last summer. Although we are still waiting for one or two minor issues to be taken care of, the student areas are complete and being used very heavily. We now have iMacs and Macbook laptops in addition to the Dell PCs/laptops. We added additional study rooms, flexible furniture for collaborative learning, and a new snack area. The best features are all the display cabinet options we have for student or faculty projects. This area is proving very popular--so much so that we need to get a schedule up to make sure everyone gets a fair chance at the space. The input from all of our students, including the engineering students was invaluable to creating space that the students will use.



WVU LIBRARY, NEW COMPUTERS

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Photo Provided

The oldest book from the former Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy's library has been given to Wheeling Jesuit University's Bishop Hodges Library. Admiring the 1840 volume are, from left, Paula Lestini, assistant librarian at the Hodges Library; Sister Joanne Gonter, VHM, formerly of Mount de Chantal; Dr. Charles A. Julian of WJU's National Technology Transfer Center, and Dr. Letha B. Zook, WJU academic vice president.

Library Accepts Book Donation

With a respectful nod to the past, officials at Wheeling Jesuit University accepted a gift of the oldest known book that was housed in the library collection at the former Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy last week.

The 1840 book, "History of the Peloponnesian War," translated from the Greek of Thucydides, was edited by William Smith, lector of the Holy Trinity in Chester, England, and chaplain to the Earl of Derby, and published by Thomas Wardle in Philadelphia. It will be housed in the Eileen Carpino Rare Book Room at Wheeling Jesuit's Bishop Hodges Library, located in Swint Hall.

"It is especially fitting that the oldest book from the Mount's collection is to find a new home at Wheeling Jesuit since Wheeling College was founded on farm land which once belonged to the Visitation academy," said Sister Joanne Gonter, VHM, former superior of the Visitation sisters at Mount de Chantal.

"Additionally, as a member of Wheeling College's first graduating class, I am personally pleased that this donation represents a tangible link for both partners who have historically worked closely together."

Paula Lestini, assistant librarian at the Hodges Library, is especially pleased with the donation since she is an alumna of the Mount.

Since October 2009, Dr. Charles A. Julian, manager of knowledge-based services and intellectual property at Wheeling Jesuit's National Technology Transfer Center, worked closely with Gonter to dispose of materials in the library collection. Julian discovered the donated book while working in the library collection. He said, "We have been exceptionally pleased to have relocated most of the materials in the library collection at the Mount. Local schools and agencies have been the recipient of much of this material and we are delighted that the books will find new uses in different settings."

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Calendar of Events

Note: The dates for the West Virginia Library Commission are tentative. Please check with the WVLC web site for the exact date, time, agenda, and minutes at www.librarycommission.lib.wv.us

June

16-17 School Librarians
Summer Refresher at
Braxton County Middle School

20/21 West Virginia Day!

24-29 ALA 2010 in
Washington, DC

28 [ONE TIME ONLY] National
Library Legislative Day,
Washington, DC

*If you want to attend, please
contact Betty Gunnoe, Federal
Relations Coordinator at
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July

4 Celebrate Independence Day!

6 West Virginia Library
Commission Meeting
10:00 am, Cultural Center,
Charleston, WV

October

12-15 Fall Conference at
Stonewall Resort

16-17 WV Book Festival,
Charleston, WV
(www.wvhumanities.org)

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